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REMARKS  

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Prior to 10 April 1953, the Beseler Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied by 850 to 900 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. From 11 to 19 April, the barracks installation was 75 percent vacated. On 20 April, the installation housed about 250 soldiers. At about 9 p.m. on 11 April, about 15 trucks including 6 with pontoons left the barracks installation by road, proceeding toward Berlin.   25X1
- After dusk on 15 April, several columns moved out of the installation toward the railroad station. At about 6:30 a.m. on 15 April, a column of 8 JS-1 tanks   2 SU-152 guns with numbers pasted over, and 20 trucks including 8 towing 76.2-mm AT guns and the others carrying troops and billeting equipment left the barracks installation toward Berlin by road. Motorcycles with sidecars mounting light machine guns and radio sets   25X1
- At about 8:30 p.m. on 16 April, 20 jeeps carrying troops   5 passed through Wittenberg from the direction of the Beseler Kaserne. On 16 April, about 30 trucks including 10 towing 152-mm howitzers, were entrained at the Wittenberg railroad station. The trucks came from the Beseler Kaserne.   25X1
2. Prior to 12 April 1953, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 1,600 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. At about 2 a.m. on 14 April, several columns from the direction of the Flak Kaserne moved to the railroad station for entrainment. One of these columns consisted of about 30 trucks, including 4 radio trucks, 8 armored personnel carriers, 10 T-34/85 tanks and 4 armored scout cars   25X1
- At about 10 p.m. on 19 April, the following column moved out of the Flak Kaserne toward Berlin: 25 trucks including 10 towing 76.2-mm AT guns and including   towed 160-mm mortar   25X1
- 5 armored personnel carriers   3 radio trucks and 4 amphibious cars.   On 20 April, the Flak Kaserne quartered 400 to 500 troops. No activity was noticed inside the billeting area. About 20 soldiers practiced with 2 mortars on the garrison training grounds.

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At about 7 a.m. on 18 April, a column of 45 sidecar motorcycles, including some with light machine guns and radio sets passed through Wittenberg.



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Comment. The report is another confirmation for the transfer of the 6th Gds Tank Div to Jueterbog.



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